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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:
(AR-18J)

G. Vinson Hellwig, Chief
Air Quality Division
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
525 West Allegan Street
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Mr. Hellwig:

Thank you for the June 13, 2006, submittal of the redesignation request and maintenance plan for four 8-hour ozone nonattainment areas (consisting of five counties) throughout the State. Pursuant to Section 93.118(e)(4) of the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Part 93, Subpart A), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has reviewed the ozone attainment demonstration and maintenance plans submitted on June 13, 2006. These documents contain MOBILE6 based Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets (MVEB) for the following 8-hour ozone nonattainment areas:

- Flint (Genesee and Lapeer Counties)
- Muskegon County
- Berrien County
- Cass County

The 2018 MVEBs for these areas, in tons per day (tpd), are as follows:

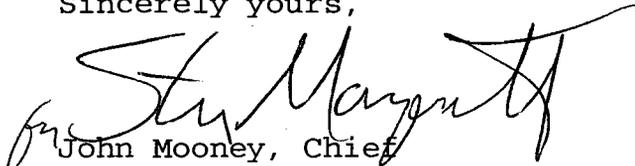
Area	VOC (tpd)	NOx (tpd)
Flint	25.68	37.99
Muskegon County	6.67	11.00
Berrien County	9.16	15.19
Cass County	2.76	3.40

USEPA has determined that the submitted MVEBs are adequate for transportation conformity purposes.

The Transportation Conformity Rule spells out limited technical and administrative criteria that USEPA must use to determine the adequacy of submitted MVEBs for transportation conformity purposes. USEPA also described the process for determining the adequacy of submitted MVEBs in a May 14, 1999, memorandum entitled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999, Conformity Court Decision." USEPA followed this guidance in making this adequacy determination. USEPA opened the public comment period on the adequacy of the submitted MVEBs by posting them to the USEPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality's adequacy review website (www.epa.gov/otaq/transp/conform/adequacy.htm) on August 5, 2006. The comment period closed on September 5, 2006, and no comments were received.

USEPA will publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing this finding. If you have any questions regarding this finding, please feel free to call me or Anthony Maietta, of my staff, at (312) 353-8777.

Sincerely yours,


John Mooney, Chief
Criteria Pollutant Section